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For: Method for Predicting Formation of Spots Using a Gene Group
Exhibiting Increased Expression at a Spot Site as an
Indicator and Screening Method for Spot Formation Inhibitors

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please undertake the following changes in the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

An Appendix including the revised printed form of the Sequence Listing and amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.